



BALMUILDY PRIMARY SCHOOL

October 2019

Newsletter



Dear Parent and Carers,

We have lots of exciting events to report upon and we would also like to share information regarding some of our upcoming events.

School Improvement - Outdoor Learning

This school session, as part of our school improvement agenda, we will be further developing our outdoor spaces for recreational play and learning to enhance learning experiences across the curriculum. This will provide additional opportunities for interdisciplinary learning opportunities and enable us to develop programmes to support targeted groups and promote equity. We are looking forward to working in partnership with the Parent Council, PTA and our wider parental community.

Outdoor Classroom Day

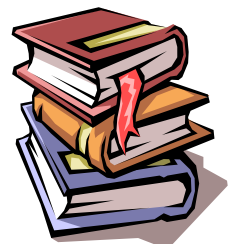
Outdoor Classroom Day is on Thursday 7th November. This is a global campaign to celebrate and inspire outdoor learning and play. We know outdoor learning improves children's health and teaches them vital skills such as teamwork, resilience and creativity. On this day, we are going to launch our outdoor development work by consulting all children and asking them what changes they would like to see in our outdoor spaces. Children will be outdoors exploring our grounds and completing an audit to help us gather their views so please ensure they are dressed appropriately. We will keep you up to date with our developments!

Mugdock Park Ranger

This session small groups of pupils across the school are being offered the opportunity to work with Stuart McFarlane, Mugdock Park Ranger, to develop their outdoor learning skills.

Book Fair

The Book Fair will be held again this year during the week beginning 4th November. This is an increasingly important way for us to be able to raise funds to buy new books for our school libraries as well as promote reading for enjoyment. We are always very grateful for your support of this event.



The Book Fair will be available for parents to visit during parent appointments on 6th and 7th November.

SPCA Visit

All pupils enjoyed a visit from SPCA. Caring for pets was the focus for the interactive lessons. The children enjoyed activities with the robotic rabbits.



Primary 7 Transition

Transition to secondary school is now well under way. Primary 7 have had visits from the Math's department at Bishopbriggs Academy and are looking forward to Art and Design and the English department visiting soon. Our pupils will also have the opportunity to visit the school's science labs in November.

Children in Need

Children In Need is on Friday 15th November and various events will be running throughout the week beginning 11th November. The Pupil Council and House Captains are currently planning the event. They will provide information nearer the time of what fun ideas pupils across the school have agreed upon to help raise money for the appeal.

Dance Fest

Good luck to our primary 7 pupils who will be taking part in this year's Dance Fest at Bishopbriggs Academy on 20th November.

Poppy Appeal

We are once again proud to support the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal this year by selling Poppies in school. Pupil Council and House Captains will be coming around classes week beginning 4th November. Thank you for your support.



Remembrance Day Assembly

Primary 4 are looking forward to leading our annual Remembrance Day assembly on Friday 8th November. All parents are welcome to attend and doors will be open at 9.15 am. Please join us.

St Andrew's Day Assembly

We are celebrating St Andrew's day on Friday 29th November.

Three Discovery

Primary 3 and 4 enjoyed a fantastic day of ICT training from Three Discovery this week. They used iPads to create interactive posters and they were fantastic!

Harvest - Thank You!

A huge 'Thank You' to all who donated tins and food for our Harvest Assembly. Thank you to Mrs Crane who delivered two full car loads to the Lodging House Mission homeless charity in Glasgow. Also, thank you for your monetary donations to Comfort International, a project we are supporting in Rwanda. An amazing total of £176 was raised. Mrs Cochrane will update us with where our donations have been used when she visits Rwanda in the New Year. Thank you to our Pupil Council and House Captains for organising a fantastic assembly and to the PTA for providing tea and coffee.

Careers Afternoon

We are holding a careers afternoon on Thursday 28th November for our P5-7 children to learn about the skills required for different professions. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to come in and share their experiences. An email will be sent out with more information for our volunteers. We look forward to seeing you!

Book Week

We will be celebrating Scottish Book Week from 18th-24th November. P1+P2 will be visiting Bishopbriggs Library and we will be carrying out activities across the school to apply our literacy skills in different contexts.

Money Minds

Our P6 and P7 children are looking forward to Money Minds, a financial education programme from Yorkshire Bank this month. Thank you to Mrs Millar who is organising and delivering this.

Christmas Activities:

11th December - Christmas Lunch

11th December - Primary 7 dance at Bishopbriggs Academy

13th December - Primary 3 Christmas party - afternoon

16th December - Primary 4 Christmas party - morning

16th December - Primary 5 Christmas party - afternoon

17th December - Infant Nativity 6.30pm

18th December - Primary 7 Christmas party - afternoon

19th December - Primary 1 & 2 Christmas party - morning

19th December - Primary 6 Christmas party - afternoon

20th December - Christmas Assembly 9.30am - **school closes 2.30pm.**

Flu Immunisation

The flu vaccination will be given as a nasal spray and the date of administration is Tuesday 3rd December.

School Uniform

Thank you to parents and carers for your continued support of our school uniform policy. All pupils are looking very smart as they start off a new school year.



Medication



If your child requires medication during school hours, please deliver it to the school office and complete a consent form. Please check the expiration date of all medicine as it cannot be administered when out of date.

Allergy Information

Due to several pupils with allergies we are a nut free school. It is important that pupils do not bring nuts or nut products to school as a snack or in their packed lunches. This includes any products which may contain nuts such as hazelnut chocolate spread. We encourage pupils not to share or swap snacks in case they contain any hidden traces of nuts. We also ask that children do not bring birthday cake to school to share with their class due to a number of allergies across the school. We very much appreciate your continued support with this matter. Could you please keep the school office up to date with any information regarding your child's allergies.



Twitter

To keep up to date on current events and aspects of school life 'follow' us on Twitter @BalmuildyPS.



Finally, if you require any further information or if you have questions or concerns about any aspects of school life then please do not hesitate to get in touch and we will do our very best to help.

Kind regards

Carol Jarman

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Dates for your Diary:

November 2019

Book Fair - Week Beginning 4th November

Parent Meetings - Wednesday 6th November 6.30pm - 9.30pm

Parent Meetings - Thursday 7th November - 3.30pm - 5.30pm

Outdoor Learning Day - 7th November

Children in Need - Friday 15th November

Book Week Scotland - 18th-22nd November

P7 Big Hit Badminton Festival - 22nd November

Careers Afternoon - 28th November

St Andrew's Day Assembly - 29th November

PTA Christmas Fair -Saturday 30th November 11.30-2.00pm.

December

Flu Vaccination - 3rd December

School closes 2.30pm for Christmas holidays - 20th December

School re-opens at 9.00am - 6th January